

## SOMETHING SHE DIDN'T KNOW

Colored Lady Evidently Had Standing in the Best of New York Society.

Two ladies, strangers to each other, were seated upon a bench on the platform of a New York suburban station waiting for a train. One of them was young, pretty, and very stylishly dressed. There was plenty of room on the bench and a neat-looking colored woman leading a spottedly clad little pickaninny by the hand, came and sat down between the two women. As she did so the younger got up and began pacing up and down the platform. The darky's eyes blazed and she was offended at once.

"Huh!" she exclaimed, ostensibly addressing the four-year-old pickaninny, but really speaking for the benefit of the lady at the other end of the bench. "She's got bad blood in her, all right—thinks cos she's got good clothes, she owns dis bench."

"Why did she get up Auntie?" asked the child.

"Cos she thinks she's too good to sit aside of us," blurted the woman. "Can't anybody sit on these benches, Auntie?" questioned the child.

"Of course they can, chile—but she thinks just cos she's got good clothes she's too good to sit aside of us. Little she knows," in a louder key, "little she knows dat Mrs. Astorbill comes and sits in our house by de hour—little she knows dat I reckon."

### Sheriff's Talk Taken to Heart.

An extraordinary scene occurred at the county jail of Dutchess county, N. Y., the other morning, when the retiring sheriff broke all precedents by delivering a farewell speech to the prisoners. "Boys," he said, "you're too fine a lot to be in here. Most of you came here through drink. Cut it out. Be decent. We all make mistakes. You have made them and so have I. Don't make the same mistake twice. That's the point. Make up your minds to be right and stick to it. Everybody will respect you then. Behave as well outside as you do inside and nobody will have any kick coming. Have a banana and a cigar with me." All the prisoners came up and shook hands with the sheriff. Some of them were crying and many promised they would try and reform.

### Marvel at an Early Age.

Christian Henry Heineken, at one year old, knew the chief events of the Pentateuch. At 12 months he knew the history of the Old Testament and that of the New at 14 months. When he was 2½ years old he could answer any ordinary question of history or geography. He was a French and Latin student at the age of three.

## NEVER TOUCH THE SURFACE

What Happens When Drops of Water Are Scattered on Top of a Hot Stove.

It is impossible to throw a few drops of water on a red-hot stove. The water can never touch the stove at all. What is seen is a few drops rolling rapidly over the surface, gradually getting smaller until they disappear. If the drops are on a perfectly level place one can see under them to the other side of the room, thus proving that they are not in contact with the stove itself.

What actually happens is that the bottom of the drop changes at once to steam or vapor on coming close to the hot surface, and this vapor is supplied by the drop as it gradually goes away. So the drop rests on a cushion of vapor until it is entirely dissipated. This state of water is known as the spheroidal state, and is of interest on account of its peculiarity and seemingly paradoxical behavior.

The reason why the drop is not immediately evaporated or changed to steam is also very interesting. The water vapor that intervenes between its under surface and the red-hot stove is a very bad conductor of heat and consequently the full intensity of the heat cannot get into the water itself, only the amount transmitted through the vapor being available for this purpose.—The Sunday Magazine.

### A Lavender Town.

One of the minor harvests that promise well is that of the lavender fields. I have seen some flourishing crops in the Hitchen neighborhood recently, says a writer in the London Mail. Comparatively few know of this quaint Hertfordshire town as an important lavender-growing center, yet it has grown the sweet old herb (which the Romans called lavendula when they used it to scent their baths), has distilled the flowers and sent their extract into all parts of the world for more than a century. At cutting time people come in from miles around to inhale the sweetness of the fields, and when the distilling begins the fragrance of lavender is borne on the wind two miles or more from the town. The flowers are put into the still with the fresh bloom of their maturity on them, and from six pounds of such flowers about half an ounce of oil is extracted.

### Too Harsh.

"Wretched woman! you took advantage of my hospitality to steal my husband." "Pardon me, but is it exactly stealing where a guest, wishing a souvenir of an agreeable visit, carries away with her some trifling thing which her hostess gives every token of caring little for?"—Life.



RESIDENCE OF FRED BUNKER, AZTEC.

### The Usefulness of "Central."

The telephone subscriber has come to regard "central" as an ever-available bureau of information. The score of the ball game, the latest election returns, the location of the big fire light from which can be seen on the horizon, and even the exact time, are all points on which the long-suffering operator must be posted.

The other day, according to the Operating Bulletin of the Chicago Telephone Company, a man called up a suburban exchange, and said, despair in his voice:

"My wife has gone out, leaving word for me to cook the spinach for dinner, but I do not know how long to boil it."

The operator switched the subscriber to the supervisor, who had been to cooking school, and she promptly told the man all he needed to know about the treatment of spinach.

### The Woman's Fault.

"You told me," she sadly said, "when you persuaded me to elope with you that you would never permit anything to come between us—that you would cherish my love all your days and that I should never have cause to regret for a moment that I had placed my happiness in your keeping."

"Oh, well, confound it," he replied, "what's the use of harping on that now? If you hadn't kept a lot of your faults hidden from me I'd never have fallen in love with you or wanted you to elope, so you have only yourself to blame."

### The Barrier.

"Will there ever be a woman president?" No. The constitution says the president must be over 45 years old, and women don't get that old.—Kansas City Times.



PACKING SCENE. Orchard, Mrs. Lucy Woyle, Above Aztec.

## JUST A POINTER ON POLITICS

Practical Man Gives Advice to Friend About to Break into the Strenuous Game.

Three Kansas men were visiting recently. One of them has held important state offices. The other has aspirations to be elected to one of "the big places." They talked of the latter man's chances; his plans of conducting his campaign, and so on.

"Let me tell you something," said the man who has been "in." "Let me tell you something. Don't worry about the fellows who are against you. Under the primary system they are scattered far and wide. Don't get any gray hairs over them. That won't do you any good. To win them over you will be wasting time and energy and breath, because the chances are you won't win them, anyway. If they are against you for personal reasons—that is, if they are personal enemies, or oppose you for political causes—the chances are they will vote against you. Let 'em alone. But go where your friends are. Go where your votes are. Keep them sure. They're yours. Keep 'em. They will make more votes for you if you keep 'em in line. That's the game."

Is he right? Do you know?—Kansas City Journal.

### Open-Air Barbers in Spain.

Fingers that smell of garlic, soap that gives no lather, a razor that may have been used for cutting a raw ham, and a flourish that reminds one of an executioner rather than of a barber—such are the qualifications of the itinerant Spanish hairdresser, declares a writer in the Wide World. The victim—we use the term advisedly—must be a patient, long-suffering man, neither the slave of time nor of any petty feelings such as delicacy and sensitiveness, as otherwise he will fare badly at the hands of his torturer. For the Spanish open-air barber is a calm man, who takes everything for granted, and never for a moment doubts that you are satisfied with his attentions and will pay him accordingly.

### Paraguay Tea.

The yerba mate, or Paraguay tea, has an immense consumption in the lower parts of South America, almost to the exclusion of tea and coffee. It grows wild and plentiful, is cheap as dirt and has a good per cent. of theine, the active principle of tea and coffee, but less than either. It has a genuine high therapeutic, soothing, stimulating effect upon the stomach and the whole system. The people over a large part of South America have the very strongest belief in its curative and consoling effects.

## CAT AND RAT ARE CRONIES

Eat, Sleep and Play Together—Pussy Defends Her Protege from Active Enemies.

An intimate friendship between a pet white rat and a big cat is reported by a correspondent of St. Nicholas. When the white rat was about two months old by accident a stray cat was allowed to enter the room. It was immediately expected that pussy would devour the rat.

But there was great surprise when the rat instead of showing fright and running away ran toward the cat and nestled itself under the cat's warm breast. The cat is apparently as fond of this white rat as she would be of her own kittens.

When they are fed they are given pieces of meat cut in strings. Each one gets hold of a string at either end and they try to see which can eat the most of it. The cat usually wins because she is the stronger.

If the white rat is missing the cat hunts first in the wicker basket in which they sleep together and then in every nook and corner and sometimes in the cellar or attic until she finds the rat.

Pussy and the white rat have been together now for a little over a year, and the cat is thoroughly responsible for this, for when stray cats come around to the back door she jumps out of her corner, shows fight and chases them.

### One Part of Meeting.

"Did you ever meet an old friend whom you didn't meet?" was the enigma put up to a Harlemite by a neighbor. The Harlemite never did.

"I did this morning," the neighbor explained. "I was rushing downtown on a subway express. We passed a local, also southbound under somewhat less speed. I was hanging to a strap, and as I gazed into a car of the local that was opposite my car I recognized a man I had known intimately, but had not seen for 15 years. He recognized me at the same moment and there was a mutual salute. Then my train forged ahead of the other and he was lost to sight."

"You see, I met him, yet I didn't meet him."—New York Globe.

### Greatest Woman in All History.

"Who may rightly be said to be the greatest woman in history? The answer that was awarded the prize was this: 'The wife of a man of moderate means, who does her own cooking, washing and ironing, brings up a family of girls and boys to be useful members of society, and finds time for her own intellectual improvement is the greatest woman in all history.'"—Boston Traveler.

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